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SUBJECT: AEC AND SCI/AE PARTICIPATION IN TEAM VISIT
TO JAPAN ON ENERGY R&D

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1. FONOFF'S ASSUMPTION IS INCORRECT THAT SCI/AE AND AEC REPS. ON PROPOSED R&D TRIP "ARE PRIMARILY INVOLVED IN NUCLEAR MATTERS". YOU SHOULD INFORM FONOFF THAT JUSTIN BLOOM, AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR TECHNOLOGY, SCI/AE, IS CHAIRMAN OF U.S. INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON ENERGY R&D, AND HAS REPRESENTED STATE AT ECG AD HOC GROUP MEETINGS ON ENERGY R&D, ETC. HE HAS BEEN MANAGER OF U.S.-JAPAN BILATERAL ENERGY R&D AGREEMENT THROUGH ENTIRE HISTORY OF NEGOTIATIONS AND IS WELL KNOWN TO MITI AND STA OFFICIALS IN THESE CAPACITIES. OFFICE OF ATOMIC ENERGY AFFAIRS IN SCI PERFORMS TECHNICAL COORDINATION OF ALL ENERGY R&D COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.

2. WITH REGARD TO AEC INVOLVEMENT, EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT ONE ENTIRE DIVISION OF AEC IS DEVOTED TO "APPLIED TECHNOLOGY" WHICH HAS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR GENERAL
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ENERGY DEVELOPMENT WITH PROGRAMS IN, INTER ALIA, SYNTHETIC

FUELS, GEOTHERMAL ENERGY, ENERGY TRANSMISSION, ENERGY STORAGE, AND SOLAR ENERGY. FONOFF SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED THAT NON-REGULATORY PART OF AEC WILL SERVE AS THE CORE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROPOSED ENERGY R&D AGENCY (ERDA)

WHICH WE EXPECT TO BECOME THE PRINCIPAL IMPLEMENTING AGENCY OF THE AGREEMENT. AEC'S INVOLVEMENT, THEREFORE, IS ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESSFUL VISIT.

3. WE ASSUME FONOFF SENSITIVITIES WERE RAISED BY PERSONS UNINFORMED ABOUT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS ON U.S. ENERGY SCENE. SHOULD THERE BE FURTHER REACTION, WE CAN PROVIDE MORE DETAILED EVIDENCE OF TEAM'S BONA FIDES. YOU MAY ASSURE FONOFF THAT TEAM HAS NO INTENTION OF DISCUSSING NUCLEAR COOPERATION. WE NEVER PROPOSED THAT THIS BE INCLUDED IN SUBJECT AGREEMENT AS IT IS ALREADY COVERED BY EXISTING AGREEMENTS. SISCO

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